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SUBJECT: ASEAN OFFICIALS TO CONFER ON MULTILATERAL TRADE
NEGOTIATIONS AT UNIVERSITY OF PITTSBURGH

1. SUMMARY: INDONESIAN TRADE MINISTRY OFFICIALS HAVE
ARRANGED FOR PITTSBURGH UNIVERSITY TO CONDUCT TRAINING
SEMINAR IN MULTILATERAL TRADE NEGOTIATIONS FOR ASEAN
OFFICIALS. FOUR WEEKS TO BE SPENT IN U. S. IN LATE MAY,
EARLY, JUNE, FOLLOWED BY TWO WEEKS IN EUROPE. ACTION
REQUESTED: ADVISE WHETHER IT WOULD BE ABLE TO ARRANGE
MEETINGS BETWEEN ASEAN PARTICIPANTS AND USG COUNTERPARTS ,
AND FURNISH PROPOSAL WE CAN PRESENT TO INDONESIAN OR-
GANIZERS.

2. THIS PROGRAM, APPARENTLY AN INDONESIAN INITIATIVE,
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REFLECTS GOI POLICY OF APPROACHING MULTILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS

TIATIONS IN CONCERT WITH ASEAN PARTNERS. IT IS BUT ONE OF SEVERAL COORDINATING DEVICES, OTHERS BEING ASEAN GENEVA COMMITTEE OF AMBASSADORS (AGC) WHICH MEETS ON MONTHLY BASIS TO DISCUSS ASEAN INTERESTS WITHIN GATT FRAMEWORK, AND ASEAN BRUSSELS COMMITTEE (ABC), WHICH ALSO MEETS REGULARLY TO CONSIDER RELATIONS WITH EC. SEMINAR WAS INSPIRED BY EX- TRADE MINISTER SUMITRO, WHO REMAINS INDONESIAN REPRESENTATIVE TO ASEAN'S TRADE POLICY COORDINATING BODY (SCCAN) IN HIS CURRENT APPOINTMENT AS MINISTER OF STATE FOR NATIONAL RESEARCH. SEMINAR INTENDED TO PREPARE PARTNERS FOR ASEAN MINISTERIAL MEETING IN LATE AUGUST, TO BE FOLLOWED BY MINISTERIAL MEETING ASIAN MEMBERS GROUP OF 77 (BOTH MEETINGS AT JAKARTA), AND THE FIRST GATT MINISTERIAL AT TOKYO.

3. GROUP TO SPEND FOUR WEEKS IN PITTSBURGH UNDER TUTELAGE OF PROFESSOR EGBERT DE VREES AND DEAN LAWRENCE C. HOWARD, FOLLOWED BY TWO WEEKS IN EUROPE (DIVIDED BETWEEN AMSTERDAM AND GENEVA) TO BE ARRANGED IN COOPERATION WITH PROFESSOR TINBERGEN. PROGRAM ORIGINALLY TO BEGIN MAY 14, BUT PITTSBURGH HAS REQUESTED POSTPONEMENT WHICH WOULD CONFLICT SCHEDULE PARA 2. INDONESIANS HAVE COUNTERPROPOSED THAT PROGRAM BEGIN MAY 21. IF THIS IS NOT POSSIBLE SEMINAR COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL AFTER TOKYO MINISTERIAL.

4. INDONESIANS PLAN TO SEND A DOZEN OFFICIALS FROM TRADE AND FINANCE MINISTRIES AND UNIVERSITY COMMUNITY, HEADED BY TRADE DEPARTMENT CHIEF OF EXTERNAL TRADE, SOEMARDI REKSOPUTRANTO, PH. D., A PITTSBURGH ALUMNUS. GOI HAS NOT YET RECEIVED FROM REPLIES ON PARTICIPATION BY OTHER ASEAN COUNTRIES BUT EXPECTS ABOUT EIGHT NON-INDONESIANS. GOI ORGANIZERS EXPRESS INTEREST IN MEETING WITH U. S. COUNTERPARTS IN TRADE POLICY FORMULATION AND NEGOTIATION, TO EXPLORE AREAS (E. G., ACCESS TO EUROPEAN MARKET) WHERE ASEAN AND U. S. MIGHT MAKE COMMON CAUSE.

5. PITTSBURGH SEMINAR APPEARS PRESENT WORTHWHILE OPPORTUNITY FOR U. S. TRADE OFFICIALS TO FAMILIARIZE AN IMPORTANT LDC BLOC WITH U. S. OBJECTIVES AT MTN, AND TO EXPLORE POSSIBLE AREAS FOR COMMON EFFORT AND COORDINATION OF STRATEGIES. PERHAPS BEST IF GROUP WERE INVITED TO WASHINGTON FOR ONE OR TWO DAYS FOLLOWING SESSIONS AT PITTSBURGH WHERE PARTICIPANTS WILL PRESUMABLY HAVE BECOME WELL GROUNDED IN ISSUES AND ACCUSTOMED TO WORKING TOGETHER.

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6. ACTION REQUESTED: THAT DEPARTMENT ADVISE WHETHER

BRIEFINGS AND DISCUSSIONS WITH U. S. MTN NEGOTIATORS MIGHT
BE SCHEDULED IN CONJUNCTION WITH PITTSBURGH SEMINAR. IF
WASHINGTON PROGRAM FEASIBLE, WOULD FALLOUT FUNDS IN
REGIONAL EXCHANGE VISITOR BUDGET BE AVAILABLE IN CASE
ASIAN PARTICIPATION HINGES ON OUR PROVIDING PER DIEM OR
INCIDENTAL TRAVEL EXPENSE (EXPECT TRIP TO WASHINGTON
FROM PITTSBURGH INCLUDABLE IN PRICE ROUNDTRIP AIR TICKETS
FROM ASIA TO PITTSBURGH)? (MAY BE USEFUL FOR WASHINGTON
TO CONTACT PITTSBURGH ORGANIZERS RE PROPER DATES AND
POSSIBLE COORDINATION OF PROGRAM.)
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